



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed April 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following remarks.

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